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COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION GRANTS ANNOUNCED

BISMARCK - The United States Department of Justice has announced Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation ("CTAS") grants in excess of five-and-a-half million dollars total to four tribes in North Dakota.

The Spirit Lake Tribe, Standing Rock Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians received numerous individual grants aimed at:

- * the development and enhancement of Tribal Justice Systems,
- * the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency,
- * the improvement of Tribal Juvenile Justice Systems,
- * providing assistance to tribal sexual assault service programs, and
- * the planning, renovating, and constructing of correctional and correctional alternative facilities in Tribal Communities.

In Bismarck, United States Attorney for North Dakota Timothy Q. Purdon said: "These grants serve to spotlight the high priority that the Department of Justice and Attorney General Eric Holder have placed on improving public safety in Tribal Communities. While there is no single grant or bill that can solve the unique public safety challenges of tribal communities, the time has come to find and implement collaborative and lasting solutions that can begin to address these obstacles. I look forward to working with the tribes to find those solutions."

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Spirit Lake Tribal Chairperson Myra Pearson said: “The CTAS grant process was well coordinated and made it so much easier for us to gather the data and submit our strategic plan. Information from our community was used for developing our strategic plan which intends to benefit our children, working class, and elders. Substance abuse is our number one priority. We intend to strengthen our tribal court system in the area of juvenile services so that we can get them the help they need to prevent them from becoming repeat offenders in the courtroom. Domestic violence is a big problem on the reservation as well. It is our goal to bring back our spirituality of core family values into our community. With these funds I know we will see positive results.”

Three Affiliated Tribes Chairman Marcus D. Levings said: “The Three Affiliated Tribes are grateful and pleased by the announcement that we will share in Department of Justice’s awards to federally recognized Indian tribes through the new CTAS grant-making process. This grant will help stabilize our community and provide the tribe funding to improve programs and facilities on our reservation. As the chairman of the Three Tribes, I’ve had first-hand experience with violent crime on the Fort Berthold reservation. In November 2009, my daughter was brutalized and severely injured. As I sat watching her struggle for her life, I knew that we must take a stand – we must improve our law and order system to protect our people. This support from the Department of Justice is an important step in that direction.”

All of the CTAS grant awards nationwide were announced on September 15, 2010, by Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Perrelli noted that Attorney General Holder and other Department of Justice leadership held tribal listening sessions last year. The department developed CTAS in response to views shared at these sessions, Tribal consultation events, and other feedback from tribal leaders.

Assistant United States Attorney Jan Morley, the Tribal Liaison for the United States Attorney’s Office for North Dakota, said: “These DOJ grants are responsive to the issues addressed by the North Dakota tribes through their participation in the listening tour held in St. Paul with Attorney General Eric Holder. The United States Attorney’s Office in North Dakota will soon begin its own listening tour of all North Dakota Reservations and we are planning a state-wide Tribal Listening Conference in Bismarck some time early next year. These meetings will allow us to continue to build

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the relationships with the Tribes that our office will need to make a positive impact on public safety in Tribal Communities.”

The CTAS program includes most of the tribal programs from the department’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). In previous years, tribes seeking funding had to submit multiple grant applications. With CTAS, tribes were able to submit a single application while selecting multiple purpose areas, ranging from juvenile justice to violence against women. All federally recognized tribes were eligible for CTAS. OJP, COPS, and OVW worked together in making the award decisions.

A complete list of the Fiscal Year 2010 CTAS grants in North Dakota is set forth below:

Spirit Lake Tribe

BJA - Develop and Enhance the Operation of Tribal Justice Systems \$284,163

OJJDP - Prevent and Control Delinquency and Improve the Juvenile Justice System \$277,713

OVW - Tribal Governments Program \$701,838

OVW - Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program \$300,000

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

BJA - Plan, Renovate, or Construct Correctional and/or Correctional Alternative Facilities \$150,000

Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation

BJA - Plan, Renovate, or Construct Correctional and/or Correctional Alternative Facilities \$990,000

COPS- Tribal Resource Grant Program \$362,633

OVW - Tribal Governments Program \$600,000

OVW - Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program \$300,000

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Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

COPS- Tribal Resource Grant Program \$336,823

OJJDP - Prevent and Control Delinquency and Improve the Juvenile Justice System \$498,219

OVW - Tribal Governments Program \$756,676

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